COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: May 9, 2016

FROM: DAVID E. HALM, COMMANDER
EAST PATROL DIVISION

TO: PATRICK J. VALDEZ, CAPTAIN
PICO RIVERA STATION

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE FINDINGS

Case Number:	FO2379476
Incident:	Use of Force
Incident Date:	May 18, 2015
Unit:	Pico Rivera Station
Suspect:	[redacted] FH/[redacted]
Involved Employees:	Deputy Michael Stocz #[redacted] Deputy [redacted] #[redacted] Sergeant [redacted] #[redacted]
EFRC Date:	May 9, 2016

The Executive Force Review Committee (EFRC) consisting of Commanders David E. Halm, Michael R. Claus, and John S. Benedict met and reviewed the above case.

FINDINGS:

The EFRC determined the use of force and tactics were within Department policy.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The EFRC made no recommendations.

DEH:TLB:tlb

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Supervisor's Report on Use of Force

Incident Information

URN: 015-03870-1519-455	Date: 05/18/15		Time: 1742
Location: [redacted] Terradell Street		City or Station: Pico Rivera	
Bureau/Station/Facility: South Patrol Division / Pico Rivera Station		Admin. Investigation: (•) YES ( ) NO	
Type of Force: Taser / Control Holds			
Incident Category: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 (•) 3	Deputy Injury: ( ) YES (•) NO	Suspect Injury (•) YES ( ) NO	
☒ Call ☐ Observation ☐ Detail	☐ Foot Pursuit ☐ Vehicle Pursuit		
IAB Notified: (•) YES ( ) NO	Person Notified: Lieutenant M. Berg	Emp: [redacted]	IAB Roll Out (•) YES ( ) NO

Involved Employee

E 1

Employee #: [redacted]	Last Name: Stocz	First Name: Michael	Middle I.:	Rank: Deputy	
Sex: (•) M ( ) F	Race: W	Height: 5'11"	Weight: 226	Age: [redacted]	Shift: ( ) EM ( ) Day (•) PM; (•) Regular Shift ( ) OT Shift ( ) Off Duty
Unit of Assignment: PRV		Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 151A			
Individual Force Used: Taser		( ) Directed (•) Rescue (•) Medical Assist		Individual Category: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 (•) 3	
☐ Injured ☒ Treated ☐ Admitted	Facility: Whittier Presbyterian			Coroner Case #:	

E 2

Employee #: [redacted]	Last Name: [redacted]	First Name: [redacted]	Middle I.: [redacted]	Rank: Deputy	
Sex: (•) M ( ) F	Race: H	Height: 6'04"	Weight: 260	Age: [redacted]	Shift: ( ) EM ( ) Day (•) PM; (•) Regular Shift ( ) OT Shift ( ) Off Duty
Unit of Assignment: PRV		Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 151			
Individual Force Used: Control Holds		( ) Directed (•) Rescue (•) Medical Assist		Individual Category: (•) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3	
☐ Injured ☒ Treated ☐ Admitted	Facility: Whittier Presbyterian			Coroner Case #:	

E 3

Employee #: [redacted]	Last Name: [redacted]	First Name: [redacted]	Middle I.: [redacted]	Rank: Sgt	
Sex: ( ) M (•) F	Race: H	Height: 5"0"	Weight: 120	Age: [redacted]	Shift: ( ) EM ( ) Day (•) PM; (•) Regular Shift ( ) OT Shift ( ) Off Duty
Unit of Assignment: PRV		Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 150S			
Individual Force Used: Control Holds		( ) Directed (•) Rescue (•) Medical Assist		Individual Category: (•) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3	
☐ Injured ☒ Treated ☐ Admitted	Facility: Whittier Presbyterian			Coroner Case #:	

On Duty Supervisor

☐ Additional Involved Employees

Emp #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		Sgt.	YES (•) NO ( )	YES (•) NO ( )

Supervisor Completing Investigation

Emp #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[redacted]	Torres	Benjamin		Sgt.	YES ( ) NO (•)	YES ( ) NO (•)

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant

Emp #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	Villanueva	Alex		Lt

Lt. Alex Villanueva — 04/12/2016

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant's **Signature:** | Date | Copy Provided to Employee by: | Emp #:

Captain Patrick J. Valdez — [redacted] — 04/12/2016

Unit Commander **(Print Name)** | Unit Commander's **Signature**: | Emp #: | Date

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☐ PPI REVIEW COMPLETED

Original: Discovery Unit
Copy: Unit Commander

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SUSPECT INFORMATION

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Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name [redacted] First Name [redacted] Middle Name Armed? Select: Other Weapon: Edged

AKA Last Name First Name Middle Name

Sex: ◯ Male ◉ Female | Race: H | Age: 56 | Height: 501 | Weight 110 | D.O.B. [redacted] | Phone #1: [redacted] ◯ C | Phone #2: ◯ H ◯ W ◯ C

Street Address: [redacted] City: [redacted] State & Zip Code: [redacted]

Booking #: Not Booked Primary Charge Code: Secondary Charge Code: [redacted] Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ◉ YES ◯ NO Name: La CO Fire Eng. #25 Unit: Phone #:

Hospital Admission? ☒ Rec'd Treatment At: LCMC Coroner Case #: Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Dr. Orlinsky Address: 2051 Marengo Street, Los Angeles Phone #: (323)409-1000

Under Influence: ◉ YES ◯ NO Substance: Other/Unknown 5150 a factor in force? ◉ YES ◯ NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Suspect Interview

Date: 05/29/2015 Time: 1353 ☒ Audiotape: ☐ Videotape: ☐ Photos of Injuries: ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suspect Information

S --

Last Name First Name Middle Name Armed? Select

AKA Last Name First Name Middle Name

Sex: ◯ Male ◯ Female | Race: | Age: | Height: | D.O.B. | Weight: | Phone #1: ◯ H ◯ W ◯ C | Phone #2: ◯ H ◯ W ◯ C

Street Address: City: State & Zip Code:

Booking #: Primary Charge Code: Secondary Charge Code: ☐ Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ◯ YES ◯ NO By: Unit: Phone #:

Hospital Admission? ☐ Rec'd Treatment At: Coroner Case #: Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Address: Phone #:

Under Influence: ◯ YES ◯ NO Substance: 5150 a factor in force? ◯ YES ◯ NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Suspect Interview

Date: Time: ☐ Audiotape: ☐ Videotape: ☐ Photos of Injuries: ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suspect Information

S --

Last Name First Name Middle Name Armed? Select

AKA Last Name First Name Middle Name

Sex: ◯ Male ◯ Female | Race: | Age: | Height: | D.O.B. | Weight: | Phone #1: ◯ H ◯ W ◯ C | Phone #2: ◯ H ◯ W ◯ C

Street Address: City: State & Zip Code:

Booking #: Primary Charge Code: Secondary Charge Code: ☐ Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ◯ YES ◯ NO By: Unit: Phone #:

Hospital Admission? ☐ Rec'd Treatment At: Coroner Case #: Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

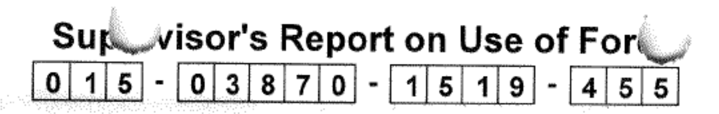
By: Address: Phone #:

Under Influence: ◯ YES ◯ NO Substance: 5150 a factor in force? ◯ YES ◯ NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Suspect Interview

Date: Time: ☐ Audiotape: ☐ Videotape: ☐ Photos of Injuries: ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

☐ **Additional Suspects Involved**



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Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton: (Control)
(BI) Baton: (Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds: (Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds: (Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds: (Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(RO) Restraint Device (Other)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device: Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device: Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(IR) Less Lethal Impact Round (other)
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative
(HR) High Risk

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Involved

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hands
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(NO) Nose
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

FORCE USED BY		FORCE USED AGAINST		Method (Code)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
Name	E# or S#	Name	E# or S#			
[redacted]	S1	Stocz	E1	UC	NN	NN
Stocz	E1	[redacted]	S1	TR	CO	HE
[redacted]	E2	[redacted]	S1	CT	NN	NN
[redacted]	E3	[redacted]	S1	CT	NN	NN

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INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

INCIDENT:	**Use of Force, Head Injury**
IAB FILE NUMBERS:	**FO 2379476**
URN#:	**015-03870-1519-455**
DATE/TIME:	**May 18, 2015, 1742 hours**
LOCATION:	[redacted] **Terradell Street, Pico Rivera**

SYNOPSIS

On May 18, 2015, at 1742 hours, Pico Rivera Station dispatched a call for service (Tag 131). The call was voiced over radio dispatch and indicated a female [redacted], had cut herself with a knife and was bleeding. As deputy personnel responded Code-3, the call was updated to include a description of [redacted] clothing. In addition, [redacted] had left [redacted] (her residence) and was walking in the street.

The first unit to arrive on the scene was Deputy Stocz. Seconds later, Deputy [redacted] and Sergeant [redacted] arrived. Sheriff Department personnel immediately identified [redacted] from the given information received through Pico Rivera's dispatched call. [redacted] was bleeding from what appeared to be a self-inflicted stab or slash wound to her neck area. Deputy Stocz noticed Patient [redacted] had a knife in her hand. He immediately positioned his vehicle with approximately twenty feet from Patient [redacted] and himself. Deputy Stocz began to articulate several commands to Patient [redacted] to no avail, as she continued to walk eastbound on Terradell Street, ignoring Deputy Stocz's commands.

Deputy personnel on scene described Patient [redacted] as being covered in blood and having "blank" stare on her face. Patient [redacted] began to walk up a driveway at [redacted] Terradell Street. Deputy Stocz deployed his issued Taser and continued to articulate commands to Patient [redacted] She, however, continued to disregard all commands given by Deputy Stocz. Deputy Stocz believed Patient [redacted] needed medical attention immediately for her self-inflicted wound. In addition, she was turning to walk toward an occupied residence, so he fired the Taser. Patient [redacted] was hit with the Taser darts in the rear/side area of her body. After Patient [redacted] was struck, she immediately fell and hit her head on the ground near the driveway area.

Before handcuffing Patient [redacted] the knife she was holding was secured by Deputy Stocz. Deputies Stocz and [redacted] along with Sergeant [redacted] tended to Patient [redacted] neck area, until Los Angeles County Fire Paramedics #25 arrived. Patient [redacted] was transported to Los Angeles County Medical Center via ambulance.

On May 19, 2015, Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) Sergeant Mark Lopez responded to Los Angeles County Medical Center (LCMC). Sergeant Lopez responded in regard to a use of force resulting in a subdural hematoma. Sergeant Lopez's attempt to interview Patient [redacted] was unsuccessful as she was undergoing treatment for self-inflicted injuries. Later that evening, she was subsequently transferred to Kaiser Hospital in Downey. On May 29, 2015, Sergeant Lopez met with Patient [redacted] at Kaiser Hospital in Downey. On September 6, 2015, the case was reassigned to Sergeant Benjamin Torres.

IAB Note: A Sheriff's Department incident report, as well as supplemental reports were prepared by the involved personnel and are included with this case [Exhibit A]. A voice print of the call is attached [Exhibit B].

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

Michael Stocz- Deputy #[redacted]
South Patrol Division
Pico Rivera Station

Work History

Date of Employment:	August 04, 2004
Date Assigned to PRV:	April 01, 2012
Prior Shooting Incidents:	[redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents:	

Equipment Worn On Person

Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray

PR-24 baton

Taser

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

[redacted]- Deputy #[redacted]
South Patrol Division
Pico Rivera

Work History
Date of Employment: March 07, 2007
Date Assigned to PRV: February 23, 2014
Prior Shooting Incidents: [redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents

Equipment Worn On Person

Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray

PR-24 baton

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

[redacted]**-Sergeant #**[redacted]
South Patrol Division
Pico Rivera Station

Work History
Date of Employment: April 02, 1998
Date Assigned to PRV: April 26, 2014
Prior Shooting Incidents: [redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents:

Equipment Worn On Person

Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray

PR-24 baton

PATIENT INFORMATION

[redacted]
Female, Hispanic, DOB: [redacted] 5'06", 200 pounds
[redacted]

PATIENT INJURIES

Patient [redacted] sustained a subdural hematoma from falling to the ground. She also suffered a collapsed lung and large laceration to her neck (self-inflicted).

DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURIES

No injuries to deputy personnel.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

Large knife covered in blood. Photo attached [**Exhibit A**]

INVESTIGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

None

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY PERSONNEL

Taser.

WEAPONS USED BY PATIENT [redacted]

Knife

PROPERTY DAMAGE BY PATIENT [redacted]

None.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS AND CHARGES FILED

There was no criminal investigation done, nor was Patient [redacted] arrested for any criminal activity. Patient [redacted] was placed on a 5150 WIC hold and held at Los Angeles County Medical Center for evaluation and subsequently transferred to Kaiser Hospital in Downey.

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

The scene was illuminated by natural sunlight at the location. The weather was clear and cool.

WITNESS STATEMENTS

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY MICHAEL STOCZ #[redacted]

On February 25, 2016, Deputy Stocz was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) Sergeants Benjamin Torres and Eric Barron. The interview was conducted at the IAB office. Representing Deputy Stocz was Sherry Lawrence from the law offices of Greene & Shinee. The following narrative is a summary of the interview, which was digitally recorded and transcribed.

On May 18, 2015, Deputy Stocz was assigned to Pico Rivera Station Unit 151A, located in the city of Pico Rivera, when he received a dispatch call informing him of a suicide attempt on Pico Vista Street, in Pico Rivera. As he drove Code-3 to the location, he was followed by Deputy [redacted] and Sergeant [redacted] Pico Rivera Station Unit 151K had the handle on the call. Deputy Stocz recalled telling the handling unit he was responding with a Taser.

IAB Note: Unit 151K (a two person unit) was the handling unit and the unit coordinating the call, however they did not witness the incident.

Prior to Deputy Stocz's arrival, the call was updated via radio. The dispatcher informed the responding deputies that Patient [redacted] left the location on foot and was walking in a westward direction on Terradell Street. In addition, it was voiced that Patient [redacted] used a knife to inflict wounds on herself and was covered in blood. Deputy Stocz was en route to the area when he encountered Patient [redacted] walking on Terradell Street. He stopped his patrol car 40-50 feet from Patient [redacted] and exited the car. Deputy Stocz took a standing position, at the door of his patrol vehicle, and gave Patient [redacted] commands to "drop the knife." Deputy Stocz could see Patient [redacted] as well as, a knife in her hand. The weather was clear and it was still daylight.

Patient [redacted] did not respond to Deputy Stocz's commands. He described Patient [redacted] as being covered from head to toe in blood and staring in his direction with no response. Patient [redacted] continued to walk toward Deputy Stocz with the knife in her hand. Deputy Stocz continued to articulate the command to drop the knife and repeatedly stated, "We are here to help you."

Deputy [redacted] and Sergeant [redacted] arrived at the scene, seconds after Deputy Stocz. They immediately took positions behind him. Deputy Stocz held his Taser in his hand, as he left the driver's door area and walked to the front of his patrol car. To ensure Patient [redacted] was able to hear and see him, Deputy Stocz positioned himself approximately 20 feet from Patient [redacted] As she realized his position, she stepped toward Deputy Stocz. He stepped to his right, as not to allow Patient [redacted] to get to close to him. He recalled Patient [redacted] was crying and yelling incoherent statements. Patient [redacted] turned and began walking south toward a residence (not her own).

Patient [redacted] still in possession of the knife, began walking toward the residence at [redacted] Terradell Street. Due to the lights, sirens, and commotion going on in the street, people gathered along the street to watch. Two or three people were standing on the front yard of the residence Patient [redacted] was walking toward. When Patient [redacted] reached the driveway portion of that residence, Deputy Stocz continued giving commands to drop the knife. Deputy Stocz warned Patient [redacted] and the other assisting units that he was going to deploy the Taser. Deputy Stocz yelled, "Taser, Taser."

Deputy Stocz fired the Taser at Patient [redacted] rear/side of her body and cycled it for five seconds. Patient [redacted] fell on the apron area of the driveway consisting of grass and concrete. However, Deputy Stocz could not recall were Patient [redacted] head landed. Sergeant [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] took control of Patient [redacted] arms, giving Deputy Stocz the opportunity to remove the knife from her hand. Patient [redacted] was then handcuffed by Sergeant [redacted] She became more coherent after being handcuffed and seemed to calm down. She was observed by the deputies to be more complacent and willing to follow all given instructions.

Deputy Stocz said he deployed the Taser due to the totality of the circumstances. Patient [redacted] was holding a knife; she had inflicted injuries to herself; and was not responding to commands. In addition, she was a danger to herself and others. He felt the Taser was the best option to end the situation ensuring no one else could potentially become injured, or be killed. Deputy Stocz believed the incident, including the use of the Taser, occurred rather quickly. He felt his use of the Taser was reasonable and consistent with his department training.

Immediately after using the Taser, Deputy Stocz assessed Patient [redacted] injuries and observed blood coming from the stab wound. The blood covered her entire body. Deputy Stocz did not see any blood coming from Patient [redacted] head area and recalled retrieving a clean blanket from the trunk of his assigned patrol car, in order to begin applying pressure to the wound.

Deputy Stocz recalled holding Patient [redacted] legs as Deputy [redacted] was holding her upper body. They were attempting to keep her placid, as not to further injure herself. Deputy Stocz used his hand held radio to contact the Los Angeles County Fire Department, who was already responding at the time the call was upgraded.

While Deputy Stocz attended to Patient [redacted], he did not use gloves. Patient [redacted] was covered in blood and continued to bleed the entire time she was in contact with deputy personnel. Deputy Stocz later learned, Patient [redacted] was [redacted] Accordingly, he received medical attention [redacted]

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY [redacted] # [redacted]

On February 25, 2016, Deputy [redacted] was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) Sergeants Benjamin Torres and Eric Barron. The interview was conducted at the IAB office. Representing Deputy [redacted] was Sherry Lawrence from the law offices of Greene & Shinee. The following narrative is a summary of the interview, which was digitally recorded and transcribed.

On May 18, 2015, Deputy [redacted] was assigned to Pico Rivera Unit 151. He recalled dispatch voicing a call of an attempted suicide on Pico Vista Street. Pico Rivera Station Unit 151K took the handle and coordinated the call, asking if anyone had a Taser. In addition, they directed all responding units where to meet. As Deputy [redacted] drove to the location, Code-3 (along with Sergeant [redacted] and Deputy Stocz), the call was updated via radio dispatch. Deputy [redacted] heard Deputy Stocz confirm he had a Taser via the radio.

Deputy [redacted] was en route to the predetermined meeting location. While responding, he came across Patient [redacted] walking westbound on Terradell Street. He observed Patient [redacted] bleeding from head to toe and was holding a knife in her left hand. Patient [redacted] was walking in their (deputy personnel) direction.

Deputy [redacted] parked his patrol car and exited. He recalled that Deputy Stocz was the first to give Patient [redacted] verbal commands. Patient [redacted] was standing 15 to 20 feet from Deputy Stocz's patrol vehicle. Deputy [redacted] described Terradell Street as a residential street lined with homes on either side. As Patient [redacted] was standing in the street, Deputy Stocz was telling her, "Drop the knife." Deputy [redacted] recalled Patient [redacted] having a blank stare and "didn't know if she was under the influence, or maybe she had a medical condition."

Deputy [redacted] recalled seeing Patient [redacted] clothing covered in blood. Upon closer inspection, he noticed that she was bleeding from the head or from within that area. Deputy [redacted] recalled Deputy Stocz standing at the door of his patrol vehicle but then moved to the front of his vehicle when Patient [redacted] began to walk away. As Patient [redacted] walked away, Deputy Stocz continued to give her verbal commands. Patient [redacted] did not follow the commands, and instead, stood in the street with a blank stare on her face, continuing to hold the knife.

Deputy [redacted] could see Deputy Stocz holding his Taser and pointing it at Patient [redacted] Deputy [redacted] recalled Sergeant [redacted] standing behind Deputy Stocz. Deputy [redacted] noticed several individuals had come out of their houses and were watching them. Patient [redacted] was at the curb area of the street where the residential driveway began. Deputy [redacted] observed Deputy Stocz fire the Taser at Patient [redacted] She immediately fell to the ground and the knife fell out of her hand. Deputy [redacted] Deputy Stocz, and Sergeant [redacted] approached Patient [redacted] They wanted to gain control of her and check her welfare.

Deputy [redacted] took a hold of Patient [redacted] elbow area, because her hands were covered in blood. Deputy [redacted] maintained control of Patient [redacted] as Sergeant [redacted] handcuffed her. Patient [redacted] was screaming and kicking in panic. Deputy [redacted] turned to Patient [redacted] and said, "Ma'am,

we're trying to help you." There was a large wound on Patient [redacted] neck, so, Deputy [redacted] went to his patrol car and retrieved a blanket. Deputy [redacted] placed the blanket over the wound. Los Angeles County Fire Paramedics were on scene within minutes. They immediately began treating Patient [redacted]

Deputy [redacted] believed they had complete control of the situation. He felt the Taser was the correct option and estimated the total incident time as three to five minutes. Deputy [redacted] later learned that Patient [redacted] was [redacted] He subsequently sought out medical treatment [redacted].

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE SERGEANT [redacted] # [redacted]

On February 24, 2016, Sergeant [redacted] was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) Sergeants Benjamin Torres and Eric Barron. The interview was conducted at the IAB office. Representing Sergeant [redacted] during the interview was Teresa O'Neil, labor representative for the Los Angeles County Professional Peace Officers Association. The following narrative is a summary of the interview, which was digitally recorded and transcribed.

On May 18, 2015, Sergeant [redacted] was assigned to Pico Rivera Unit 150S, as a supervising field sergeant. She recalled dispatch sending out a priority voiced call, describing a female (Patient [redacted] with a knife. Unit 151K coordinated the call on the radio. The call was upgraded to an emergency situation when Patient [redacted] stabbed herself with the knife. Sergeant Alvarez activated her lights and sirens.

Sergeant [redacted] could not recall the actual coordination that took place on May 18, 2016. She did however recall feeling that the coordination was appropriate for the situation. Her assignment was to respond to the front of the location. Sergeant [redacted] responded behind Deputy [redacted] and Deputy Stocz. She arrived a few seconds behind them on Terradell Street. She saw Patient [redacted] covered in blood from her head to waist. Sergeant [redacted] saw Deputy Stocz stop his patrol vehicle a safe distance from Patient [redacted] Sergeant [redacted] stopped her patrol vehicle behind Deputy Stocz' and exited.

Sergeant [redacted] could hear Deputy Stocz yelling commands at Patient [redacted] to drop the knife. Sergeant [redacted] could see the knife in Patient [redacted] hand, as she walked toward them. Deputy Stocz was pointing his Taser at Patient [redacted] as he continued to give her orders. Patient [redacted] was walking in the middle of a residential street. All of a sudden, Patient [redacted] turned and began to walk away from them (Deputies Stocz and [redacted] and Sergeant [redacted].

Terradell is an East / West traveling street and Patient [redacted] began walking South toward the residences. Patient [redacted] had already walked

approximately a block from her own residence on [redacted] to Terradell Street. Sergeant Alvarez recalled seeing people around the immediate area. She and Deputy Stocz walked approximately twelve feet behind Patient [redacted] Deputy Stocz told Sergeant [redacted] he was going to fire the Taser at Patient [redacted]

Sergeant [redacted] agreed with the deployment of the Taser and elaborated on the Taser deployment. Patient [redacted] was clearly in the high-risk category. She was in dire need of medical attention, and she was a threat to others in the area. Sergeant [redacted] believed that if Patient [redacted] had been allowed to walk any further, the situation could have turned life threatening for all involved, including Patient [redacted] Deputy Stocz fired the Taser. The Taser darts struck Patient [redacted] in the back area.

Patient [redacted] was momentarily incapacitated and she fell facedown onto the asphalt. Sergeant [redacted] recalled Patient [redacted] hitting her forehead when she fell. Patient [redacted] remained conscious after striking her head and was still in possession of the knife. Sergeant [redacted] controlled Patient [redacted] upper body and applied handcuffs to her wrist. Sergeant [redacted] later learned that Patient [redacted] was [redacted]. She subsequently sought out medical treatment [redacted]

PATIENT STATEMENTS

PATIENT [redacted]

On May 29, 2015, Patient [redacted] was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) Sergeant Mark Lopez. The interview was conducted at Kaiser Hospital in Downey. The following narrative is a summary of the interview, which was digitally recorded and transcribed.

Patient [redacted] confirmed her address: [redacted] in [redacted] She was unable to recall the events occurring on May 18, 2015. Her doctor informed her that she had experienced two brain aneurysms, approximately three days before May 18, 2015. Leading up to the force incident, Patient [redacted] remembered acting strange and not feeling like herself. She had no sense of time, date, or anything of that nature. Patient [redacted] had taken heart medication prior to the incident on May 18, 2015, and felt that might have been a contributing factor to her behavior. She denied taking any illegal narcotics. Prior to that, she had no medical issues and was feeling fine.

Patient [redacted] continued to describe her actions leading up to May 18, 2015. She recalled urinating in her bed while wearing her pajamas. She was feeling scared and remembers sitting in a chair in the bedroom for three days. Patient [redacted] did not understand what was happening to her leading up to May 18,

2015. Patient [redacted] was asked if she remembered walking outside carrying a knife, injuring herself or coming into contact with the deputies. To all questions she replied, "No." Patient [redacted] did not remember anything as it pertained to deputy personnel. She vaguely remembered staring at a fireman the day of the incident, which calmed her down.

Patient [redacted] somehow knew she caused the injury to her neck. She expressed that she did not intend to hurt herself. She apologized to the deputies for her actions. She declined to sign a medical release form.

> **IAB Note: Sergeant Lopez observed a small bump on Patient [redacted] head near her hair line. The bump was possibility a result of her fall from being Tasered.**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

None